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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Shigeyuki MARUYAMA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2815**

Application No.: **09/577,932**

Examiner: **Chris C. Chu**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN ALIGNMENT  
MARK FORMED BY THE SAME MATERIAL WITH A METAL POST**

Attorney Docket Number: **000663**

Customer Number: **38834**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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September 20, 2005

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2005, and having a response due date set for September 21, 2005. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.